



KELSET Elementary School

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Mission: At KELSET School, our overall goal is "Success for Each Student". We want everyone in our school community to feel cared for, connected, capable and appropriately challenged.

Beliefs: We take care of ourselves. We take care of each other. We take care of our community & our world.

CALENDAR

December

- 2-6...Scholastic Book Fair
- 3.....**Early Dismissal**; 1:48pm
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- 5.....Soccer Jamboree; 9-12pm
- 11....PAC Meeting; 6:30pm
- 13....Fun Lunch
- 16....Family Craft Night; 5:00-7pm
- 18....Winter Concerts; 10am & 1pm
- 19....Holiday Dance, 11:15am
- 20....Sing-a-Long/Hat Day;10:15am
- 23....**Winter Break to January 3**

January

- 6.....First Day back from Winter Break
- 8.....PAC Meeting, 6:30-8:30pm
- 15....Club Day
- 22....Kindergarten Information Evening;
7-8:30pm, Keating Elementary
- 27....Kindergarten Registration to Jan. 31

February

- 12.....Club Day
- 12.....PAC Meeting, 6:30pm
- 14.....**Non-Instructional Day**; students do not attend school
- 17.....**Family Day**
- 27.....**Early Dismissal**; 1:48pm

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

please email

kelset_attendance@saanichschools.ca

or call **250-655-1194**

if your child will be absent or late.

DECEMBER 2019

NEWSLETTER

BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The staff would like to wish everyone a very happy holidays and all the best for the new year! We hope that you enjoy this special time of year with your friends and family. The staff thank you for your support throughout the year and hope to see you over the next couple of weeks at our December holiday events! Reminder that our first day back to school is Monday, January 6, 2020.



HOLIDAY CONCERT
December 18th - 10:00 and 1:00
KELSET Gym



HOLIDAY CRAFT NIGHT

Hope you can join us on Monday, December 16th from 5:00-7:00 pm to make a few special holiday crafts. Bring your entire family and of course grandparents to be part of the fun! We're excited to see all our KÉLSET families! If you would like, nonperishable food donations will be accepted!

DROP OFF LANE

Reminder that the DROP OFF AREA is NOT TO BE USED FOR SHORT TERM PARKING. Rather, the intent is that parents/guardians stop, children quickly disembark, and **drivers continue out of the parking lot**. This allows other drivers to pull in and do the same and allows the buses to be able to leave our parking lot on schedule. Thank you for your help with this ongoing challenge!

EARLY DISMISSALS AND HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION Early Dismissals (1:48)

will occur on December 3, 4, 5 and February 27th, to facilitate opportunities for Home/School Communication. Classroom teachers will offer these opportunities in a variety of formats and will provide the details specific to their class. Teachers look forward to learning more about your child, to sharing observations from the first weeks of the school year, and to sharing important details about classroom organization and routines.

SCHOOL HOURS

8:40-11:14	Instruction
11:14-11:50	Lunch Play Period
11:50-12:14	Lunch Eating Period
12:14-1:40	Instruction
1:40-1:55	Recess
1:55-2:48	Instruction



8:40 START, PLEASE!

We continue to have a number of children arriving to school late. While we understand that this is sometimes unavoidable, we encourage families to make a concerted effort to generally have their children arrive before the 8:40 bell, as this helps children to get off to a good start and prevents them from missing important announcements, instructions and/or learning activities. Because the parking lot is congested right at the bell, families are encouraged to leave enough time for an earlier, unrushed arrival. The parking lot is most congested between 8:30 and 8:40. Arriving between 8:20 and 8:30 allows for a relatively hassle-free drop off!

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING STAFF

- Ben Skerratt - Educational Assistant
- Bryanna Cassidy - Educational Assistant
- Kadie Wozniak - ELS Teacher
- Caisa Heyes - Educational Assistant

TERM 1 REPORTING/CONFERENCING

By December 19th, parents/guardians will have received report cards for the first term and have had the opportunity to conference with their children's teacher(s). The conferences and report cards provide opportunities to celebrate each individual's successes, to identify areas for continued development and to set goals and discuss ways to support progress towards these goals.

LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found is becoming quite full. Please check the lost and found next time you are in the school. Thank you to Terri Healy for her time organizing these items.



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

With the change in weather, please remind your children to dress in warm clothes with proper footwear. If students are dressed for the weather, they have a much more enjoyable recess outside with their friends.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

December 2-6, 2019
KÉLSET Gym
Monday, December 2 ~ 3-4pm
Tuesday, December 3 ~ 11:15-11:50 and 2-5pm
Wednesday, December 4 ~ 11:15-11:50 and 2-5pm
Thursday, December 5 ~ 11:15-11:50, 2-4 and 6-7pm
Friday, December 6 ~ 3-4pm

Volunteers Needed December 2-6



Link for Volunteer Sign-Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48aaab29a4f94-scholastic3>

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SOCCER JAMBOREE

Thursday, December 5th, 9-12pm

The grade 4/5 soccer jamboree is scheduled for December 5th at Panorama!

We hope to see lots of parents out supporting our teams! We have over 65 students playing on four teams during lunchtime on Tuesday or Thursdays.



BASKETBALL

Basketball season will begin for our Grade Four and Five students in January. Students should listen for related announcements.



SWIM CLUB

Swim Club will begin in January, for students in Grades 3 to 5. Sessions occur right after school each Thursday, until early March. The Saanich District Swim Meet will be on Wednesday, March 11th from 12-3pm at Commonwealth Pool. Students should be able to swim at least one length of the pool. Students should listen for related announcements. Parent volunteers to assist in getting our group of students to Panorama on time (i.e. walking them over, while the teachers/coaches are busy with end of day business) will be most appreciated.



Dear KÉLSET Elementary Staff/Parents,

Saanich International Student Program is actively looking for new Host Families for international students attending Parkland Secondary School!

We are looking for warm, caring families who are ready and willing to open their home and family to an international student and help them immerse in Canadian life. By inviting a student into your life, you can experience exciting new family dynamics as well as learn about other cultures and traditions from around the world. Most importantly, hosting often leads to new relationships that can last a lifetime!

Even though the school year is already in full swing, we are now looking for new host families to join us, as students join and leave us at different times throughout the year. There is also a specific need for families who can host male students. For contact details and more information on why to host, requirements, who can host and what we offer you, please read the attached flyer.

We can't wait to hear from you!

On behalf of the SISP Homestay Team,
Ernestine Mager-Fagel
Homestay Manager efagel@saanichschools.ca
250-880-4950



SAANICH SCHOOLS International Student Program

HOST FAMILIES WANTED!

WHY HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?

- Experience new and exciting family dynamics
- Build lasting relationships
- Help a student adapt to Canadian life
- Learn about other cultures and traditions

REQUIREMENTS

- Private bedroom and a study space
- Three wholesome meals a day and snacks
- Integration into the family
- Participation in family activities
- Emotional and academic support

WHO CAN HOST?

- Families
- Singles
- Retirees/empty nesters
- Couples

WHAT WE OFFER YOU

- Monthly \$925 remuneration
- Ongoing support
- Orientation

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Visit our website: www.sisp.sd63.bc.ca
- Email/call Ernestine, Homestay Manager: efagel@saanichschools.ca/250-880-4950
- Come by our office! 10640 McDonald Park Rd, North Saanich

September, 2019

To: Parents/Guardians of Elementary and Middle School Students

Re: Emergency School Closing Procedures

The emergency closing of a school is a rare occurrence; nevertheless, circumstances such as a heavy snowfall or an extended power failure can demand that such a decision be made. It is important that you are aware of the procedures, outlined below, should such an emergency closure become necessary.

1. The school district will provide information to the media when schools are being closed. There will **not** be media releases when schools are open and operating.
2. The following radio stations will be provided with closure details for immediate broadcast: CFX (1070 AM), CKKQ (The Q - 100.3 FM) and CBC Radio (90.5 FM).
3. If a school closure decision is made when a school is in session, students will be permitted to leave school only after contact has been made with a parent/guardian or a person pre-authorized by a parent/guardian. If contact is not possible, school administrators will make appropriate arrangements.

As necessary, arrangements will be made for students with special needs.

An early bus run will be organized if road conditions permit.

If a school closure decision becomes necessary, your understanding, tolerance and cooperation will be most appreciated. If you have concerns regarding the above procedure, please call the principal of your child's school to enable him or her to consider the matter before an emergency occurs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Eberwein", written over a horizontal line.

Dave Eberwein
Superintendent of Schools

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